

CLEARED SOON, MRS. HALL DECLARES

'God Is Good,' Cries Widow To Jail Warden

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"He didn't say a woman—he said Mrs. Gibson came up."

Q. Did she have a light with her? A. I don't know.

Q. Mrs. Gibson stopped her mule on the side of the car near you? A. Yes, she paused for a moment.

Q. You distinctly saw Mrs. Gibson's face? A. Yes.

Q. After that how long did you stay there? A. Maybe an hour after that.

Heard No Shots

Q. How long before you recognized Mrs. Gibson on her mule were you aware she was approaching? A. I wasn't aware until she came up beside me.

Q. Did you hear any shots? A. No.

Q. And you remained there until 11 o'clock? A. About 11 o'clock.

Q. Then where did you go? A. Back to New Brunswick.

Q. You took your friend home? A. Yes.

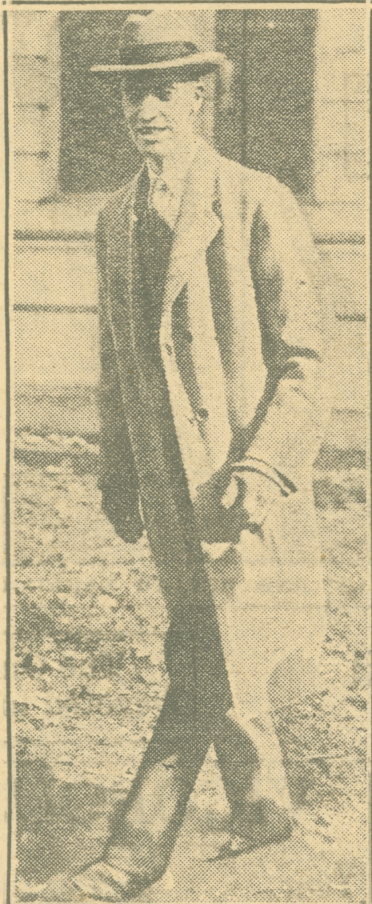
Q. Did you hear a noisy, rickety wagon go by you? A. No.

Q. You weren't off the lane all evening, were you? A. No.

It was a telling point for the defense when the millwright told of not hearing the wagon. Such a wagon as McCarter described corresponded to the one Mrs. Gibson insists she was following when she stumbled on the murder group.

Willie Stevens grinned broadly and made a hurried note with his

Told of Shooting



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Simpson objected. Justice Parker ordered McCarter to repeat the question.

Q. Whom did you tell besides Miss Russell? A. Only my mother.

Q. Is she living? A. Yes.

Q. Do you know a man named Willard Straub? A. Yes.

Q. Soon after this case was reopened did you meet Straub and say: "Straub, if you will say that you were in De Russey's Lane on September 14, 1922, you will get some money out of it." A. I did not. I don't remember saying that.

(Straub is the man whom state investigators arrested as a material witness last summer. They chained him to a bed in state police headquarters for twenty-four hours, but could not make him say he was in the lane on the murder night. He insisted he had been there the night before, September 13.)

Short Man in Sedan

Q. You told your mother that Sunday after the murder what you've told us now? A. Yes, I did.

Q. Those cars you spoke of, were they facing you? A. Yes.

Q. How far away were they? A. About 2,000 feet. They had been parked in the lane.

Q. Who was in the sedan? A. There was one man, a short fellow with a dark mustache.

Q. Can you tell what kind of a

sedan it was? A. It looked like a Ford sedan.

Q. How about the second car? A. It was a large touring car, with curtains down.

Q. Would you swear that the sedan was not a Dodge car? A. No.

The Halls owned a Dodge sedan and the state contends that Mrs. Hall drove to the murder scene in that machine.

Simpson had Erhling admit he knew where the crab apple tree had been located.

About 2,000 Feet Away

Erhling said the two cars had been parked in the lane, not distant from the tree.

McCarter questioned Erhling on his estimation of distances. The witness repeated that his own position had been, roughly, about 2,000 feet from the two cars and that they were opposite the tree.

Q. Did you know Mrs. Hall had a Dodge when you testified in August? A. No.

Lieut. Fred Drewen, Jersey City fingerprint expert, followed the millwright on the stand. Fastidiously groomed, sure of himself, Drewen made an excellent witness for the state. He repeated his previous assertion that Willie Stevens's fingerprint was on the calling card.

Walter R. Scott, assistant registrar of state records at Trenton, was the next state witness.

Q. Have you the burial permits of Dr. Edward W. Hall and Mrs. Eleanor Mills? A. I have.

They were admitted as evidence and Senator Case, for the defense, began a series of petty questions concerning them. He was in an ugly mood.

Fingerprint Expert Recalled

Scott was temporarily excused from the stand while defense counsel and the prosecutor debated whether photostatic copies of the permits should be made, or



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if the original death certificates should be placed in evidence.

Drewen, the fingerprint expert, again took the stand.

William Garvin, the Burns detective who swore Ralph Gorsline placed Henry Stevens at the murder scene, arrived in the courtroom at 11:25. He was to testify later.

Send For Vestryman

On the detective's arrival other detectives set out for New Brunswick to bring the vestryman here. Drewen testified that at Inspector Underwood's request he had made the fingerprints of Willie

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'Pig Woman' Ill 2 Weeks, Forecast

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gave reporters the reason for his sudden movement of his best witness over fifty miles of New Jersey highways.

"I am surprised to hear that the people of Somerville county regard the removal of Mrs. Gibson from Somerville Hospital yesterday as a reflection on that institution," he said.

"Mrs. Gibson was removed to Jersey City Hospital so she might have her child with her. The child can be accommodated better there. She is to undergo radium treatment, too, and Somerset County Hospital does not have the appliances. What is more, she will be in closer touch with physicians who have treated her previously."

Senator Simpson had not been advised of the statement of the physicians, and declared he believed she might be able to testify by Friday.

Name Three Ailments

The specialists says she is suffering from "a chronic gynecological condition, which has caused moderately severe secondary anemia, and this condition is complicated by an infection of the kidneys and a toxic degeneration of the myocardium."

To the layman this means that she suffers from heart trouble, a kidney infection, anemia and another disease, probably cancer.

Cancer is not mentioned by name. Dr. James J. Duffy, radiologist of the hospital staff, will see her late today, it was said.

The statement concludes:—"Mrs. Gibson spent a fair night. Her temperature is lower today and her general condition somewhat improved. Her greatest need at present is rest in bed, to be followed by such other treatment as is deemed appropriate."

In Bed Two Weeks

"In the opinion of the attending physicians, Mrs. Gibson will be confined to the hospital for at least two weeks."

The woman's condition makes an adjournment probable. The hundreds who have gathered, hoping to see Mrs. Gibson point an accusing finger at the defendants and name at least three as having been at the scene of the crimes, will have to wait.

The battery of defense attorneys, headed by the veteran Robert H. McCarter, took opportunity, in the sudden movement of the witness, to issue a statement tinged with sarcasm, which follows:—

"However deeply the prosecution may regret the illness of Mrs. Gibson, the counsel for the defense regret it more deeply, because, as they have frequently stated since the investigation reopened, they believe the best method of establishing their clients' complete innocence will be the subjection of Mrs. Gibson to a rigid examination

in open court, which will test which of her six stories and varying identifications, if any, is true.

Hope for Recovery

"The counsel for the defense, therefore, hope that Mrs. Gibson's confinement in a Hudson county hospital will be as conducive to her recovery as they believe a short stay in the quiet of a Somerville hospital in the good air of Somerset county would have been."

Seven policemen enforce silence at Jersey City Hospital. Every effort is being made to save Mrs. Gibson any kind of disturbance.

Senator Simpson yesterday forcibly moved Mrs. Gibson—a dramatic act which brought into play all his histrionic talents.

"You Are No Jailer"

"You are no jailer," he stormed at Dr. A. Anderson Lawton, attending physician at the hospital, when he was told he could not move Mrs. Gibson, as he might jeopardize her life. "We are going to take her."

In went a stretcher, and out it came bearing the stricken witness. As the doors of the ambulance swung shut Dr. Lawton shouted:—"Senator Simpson, you are jeopardizing this woman's life! I forbid her removal!"

The ambulance swung away as Simpson grimaced at Dr. Lawton.

Feared Defense Plot

When Mrs. Gibson failed to appear in court last week after her collapse, the senator started to worry.

"The physicians there may be working with the defense, so watch carefully," he told a member of his staff assigned to the hospital. The prosecutor arrived at the hospital at 10:30 a. m. yesterday.

Mrs. Gibson consented to the transfer. The prosecutor failed to sign a statement, which would have placed the responsibility on his shoulders. After the ambulance disappeared, he said:—

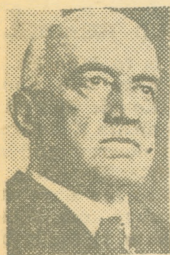
"It is small wonder that this woman is ill after the vituperation and persecution she has been subjected to. Her livestock has been poisoned, her little farming business interfered with, until now she has only nineteen of the sixty-three acres she possessed four years ago."

Beaten Cruelly

"She was beaten almost to death by a colored woman—Mrs. Nellie Lo Russell. When she tried to obtain redress for this outrage she was unable to do so, because the authorities demanded information from her which she was unable to furnish."

Dr. Lawton referred to Simpson's procedure as "the most outrageous action I have known in twenty years of experience."

"When Mrs. Gibson was first brought to Somerset County Hospital, Simpson told me not to operate. He later gave me a written order to the same effect. I think it a rather novel procedure to order a doctor in a matter of such importance, to say the least."



Charles W. Parker



Henry Carpender

yellow pencil. At times the eccentric defendant seems to show marked flashes of intelligence.

Q. Did you see anything else? A. The only thing I saw was two other cars, one was a closed sedan, the other an open car. They passed, going toward Easton Avenue.

Told Mother of Being in Lane

Q. When did you learn of the murders? A. The following Saturday night.

Q. When did you first tell that you had been in De Russey's lane? A. I told Miss Russell in 1923.

Q. Did you tell anybody else? A. On the following Sunday I told my mother.

Q. Didn't you say before Judge Cleary last August that the only person you had told was Miss Russell?

OUR EAST SIDE GANG—

The Acrobats

By Louis G. Ferstadt

